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TRANSFER OF OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH - UPDATE

On July 29, 2008, your Board approved the transfer of the outpatient mental health program at the LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC) from the Department of Health Services (DHS) to the Department of Mental Health (DMH). The transfer was scheduled to take effect August 1, 2008, or two weeks after DHS and DMH execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the transfer of responsibility for the management and operation of mental health services at LAC+USC.

DHS and DMH have worked collaboratively regarding all matters related to the transfer of the outpatient program; however, several issues have come to our attention, which have delayed implementation. These issues include graduate training guidelines related to entry into DMH's information system of services provided by residents over the course of their training at LAC+USC, provision of medical care in the outpatient mental health program situated on the DHS campus, preparations for a review by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education scheduled for the week of October 20, 2008, and modifications in the site plan for the program. The Departments are committed to resolving these issues and finalizing the MOU to implement the transfer of this program as expeditiously as possible, with an expected transfer date of January 2009. To this end, regular meetings are being held to address the outstanding issues.

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We will keep your Board apprised of any new developments. If you have any questions, please contact me or you staff may contact David Seidenfeld at (213) 974-1457, or at <a href="mailto:dseidenfeld@ceo.lacounty.gov">dseidenfeld@ceo.lacounty.gov</a>.

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